

Tiger Talk



October 2026

HAPPY FALL!

It's hard to believe that we are near the end of the 1st Quarter of school. It seems like we were just greeting students on the first day not that long ago! We are having a great year learning new things, participating in activities, and hanging out with friends. I will say that the Connect Four tournament during high school lunch time contains some high quality competition! Paxton Schools is a great place to learn and grow!

Safety in our school is a top priority for both staff and students. We have plans in place to practice our safety protocols throughout the school year. The following drills will be practiced this year: fire, tornado, lockdown, evacuation and reunification. It is important for us to practice these drills so students, staff and emergency personnel know what to do in the event of an emergency. We will also communicate with you as needed when lockdown and evacuation drills are being practiced. Our Safety team will continue to meet throughout the year to ensure our drills are executed correctly and our building is safe.

Speaking of safety, I would like to remind parents that we ask students who attend activities to attend the game/performance. Unfortunately, we do not have enough staff to monitor the playground area during these events. Students who are outside during games/performances will be asked to come inside and support our Tigers.

As a reminder, visitors to the building during the school day are still monitored through the front office. When visiting our school, please follow these guidelines for the safety of our students and staff.

- Upon entering the front doors, you will be required to ring the office for admittance into the building. The intercom system is located to the left of the inside doors.
- Once the office staff push the button to unlock the doors, they will greet you and assist you as needed.

Following these procedures will help ensure a safe school environment. Thank you!

Attendance at school is VERY important! Student academic, social and emotional success is improved from being in attendance at school. Thank you for making attendance a priority with your children. Included in this newsletter is an illness emoji guideline to follow for illness. Please remember to call the office for ALL absences and return with a doctor's note when your absence requires a doctor visit.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026 from 12-7 pm. Please join us to see all the awesome things happening in your child's classroom. Participation in your child's education makes a big difference in their success at school. Our Paxton staff thanks you for your continued support!

We can't wait to see you Monday!

Educationally yours,

Stacy McAbee
Superintendent



Dear Parents,

Please help us fight the cold and flu season by following the Emoji guidelines below if your child is not feeling well before sending them to school. With your help we will have a healthy learning environment.

I NEED TO STAY AT HOME IF....

						
FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	HOSPITAL STAY AND/OR ER VISIT
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, Itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO WORK OR SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school.	Released by medical provider to return to work or school.
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Paxton Consolidated Schools Newsletter

PK-12 Principal: Sonya Price October 2026



We are nearing the end of the first quarter of the 2026-2027 school year! The quarter ends on Friday, October 16th. Make sure you are staying up to date on all of our events at paxtonschools.org/livefeed!

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held **Monday, October 5th** between 12:00 and 7:00 pm. We look forward to sharing all the great things your students are accomplishing!

In September all of our athletes worked hard both at the junior high and high school levels for cross country, volleyball, and football. Hadley Gleason, a freshman, set a new record for the 5K (3.1 miles) with a time of 20:58 during a cross country meet last week! Congratulations Hadley! The record has been held by Adrian Eakins since 2018. RPAC Cross Country is next week! Parents Night for our Lady Tiger Volleyball Team will be Tuesday, October 6th during the game against Leyton. Parents Night for our Football and Cross Country teams will take place during the football game against Arthur on Tuesday, October 22nd! Our Cheerleaders put on a Cheer Camp for elementary students on Saturday, September 26th and cheered for our 4th - 6th grade youth football team that evening under the lights!

Homecoming week has been filled with fun! Students and staff enjoyed a spirit week complete with pajama day, tropical day, USA day, student/teacher day, and school spirit day! The middle and high school students decorated the hallways and the high school students painted local business windows! Tomorrow our students will enjoy an afternoon of fun with a pep rally. Tomorrow night our football team will take on Medicine Valley at 6:30 and the high school dance will follow from 9:30-11:00.

We have so many wonderful activities and organizations here at Paxton! One Act practices are underway and they are working hard. Future Problem Solvers meetings have started with Mrs. Peters. Science Olympiad information has been shared with students by Mrs. Mullen. The high school STEM students held their cardboard regatta at the local pool. Our FFA students participated in Husker Harvest Days and a Livestock Judging Clinic to help prepare for their FFA Livestock Judging Competition on October 7th. They also helped with Ag Days in Ogallala which our 5th grade class attended with other elementary students from surrounding areas. Our Student Council traveled to McCook for the RPAC Student Council Conference and won the Impact Workshop Session, earning top recognition from the panel of judges for bringing the strongest ideas and demonstrating exceptional council engagement! Various field trips were taken and lots of learning has taken place at all levels!

Student of the Month Nominations for Student of the Month began in September! Each month, staff members will vote to select one student from grades 6–8 and one student from grades 9–12. We are looking for students who are positive, respectful, responsible, safe, and exemplify the traits on our Tigers Matrix.

Winners will receive: Coupons for the concession stand, front-of-the-line privileges in the lunch room, special recognition signs on their lockers, an interview featured by the journalism class, and a reserved parking spot (for high school students).

Our September Students of the Month were **Kimber Luedke** and **Keegan Florom**! Our October Students of the Month are **Jacob Fote** and **Natalie Jorgensen**! Congratulations!

We have so many exciting things happening here at Paxton Consolidated Schools!

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Activity Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				JH/HS XC @ Gothenburg @ 3:00 VB Tri @ Med Valley w/ Arapahoe @ 5:00	HOMECOMING FB vs Med Valley @ 6:30 Dance 9:30-12:00	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NO SCHOOL PTC 12:00-7:00	PARENTS NIGHT VB vs Leyton @ 5:00	JH VB @ Garden Co @ 2:00 JH FB @ Garden Co @ 3:00 FFA CDE Live stock Judging @ North Platte NHS Bood Drive @ 9:30	VB @ St. Pat's @ 3:30 RPAC XC @ Oregon Trail Golf Course @ 3:00	FB @ Southwest @ 6:00	JH State XC @ Papillion-La Vista South High @ 11:00	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
No School for Elementary ~Teacher Training JH VB @ Sutherland @ 2:30 FAFSA Parents Meeting 6:30	VB @ Kimball @ 4:00	JH VB vs Wa Pa @ 1:00 JH FB vs Wa Pa @ 1:00	HS XC Districts @ Perkins Co VB RPAC @ MCC	END OF QTR 1 FB @ SEM @ 6:00	JH VB Tri w/Kimball & Ogallala @ 8:00	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
VB RPAC @ MCC		VB RPAC @ MCC	PARENTS NIGHT FB vs Arthur @ 6:30	HS XC State @ Kearney		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
VB Subdistricts	VS Subdistricts			FB Playoffs	VB Districts	



Counselor Corner

- October 12 - I'll be hosting a FAFSA night for seniors and their parents. This is a requirement for graduation. Please visit with me if you have questions or concerns regarding this.
- October 15 is the end of the first quarter!!!
- October 21 the Freshmen class will visit various Ogallala area businesses for the EXCEL tour put on by KCAD and MPCC.
- October 28 the Spanish classes will attend the Justo Lama Concert in Hershey. Spanish 2 students will have an extension opportunity in North Platte following the concert.
- In the middle of October advocates from the SCIP office in Ogallala will be in to chat with the 7th graders on Healthy Relationships.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student. We would love to find ways to help.

ACT tests in Ogallala will no longer be available by paper/pencil. They will be provided a laptop to take it. Below are the National Test dates. Let me know if you need any assistance in getting signed up to take it.

2026-2027 Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Late fee applies after this date)	Late Deadline	Photo Upload & Standby Deadline	Paper Initial Score Release
September 19, 2026	August 14	September 1	September 14	October 6
October 17, 2026	September 11	September 29	October 12	October 27
December 12, 2026	November 6	November 29	December 7	December 22
February 27, 2027	January 22	February 9	February 22	March 16
April 10, 2027	March 5	March 23	April 5	April 20
June 12, 2027	May 7	May 25	June 7	June 23
July 10, 2027	June 4	June 22	July 5	July 20

Looking forward to a great year!

Jean Spencer

School Counselor PreK-12

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Paxton Consolidated Schools Breakfast/Lunch Menu

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER, EMPLOYER, AND LENDER				1	2	3
				Waffles	GRAB & GO	** DONATED BEEF BY TIGER BEEF PROGRAM
				Leftovers	Hamburgers & Chips	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
NO SCHOOL	Muffins	Pancakes	Smoothies	GRAB & GO		
Parent Teacher Conferences 12:00-7:00	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Veggie & Garlic Toast	Breaded Pork Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Roll & Butter	Walking Taco	Chicken Cordon Bleu Sandwich & Fries		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
NO ELEMENTARY	Breakfast Sandwich	Pancake Casserole	Combo Bars	GRAB & GO		
Strawberry Bagel	Orange Chicken, Rice & Broccoli	Roasted Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Roll & Butter	Tacos & Corn	Calazones		
Shepherd's Pie, Roll & Butter						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cini Mini	Breakfast Pizza	Breakfast Casserole	Breakfast Sandwich	GRAB & GO		
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy & Veggie	Chicken Alfredo, Veggie & Flying Sauces, Veggie, Roll & Butter	Chili & Cinnamon Rolls	Chicken Patty on a Bun & Fries			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Waffles	Scrambles Eggs with Cheese	Breakfast Burrito	Smoothies	GRAB & GO		
Beef Stroganoff, Veggie & Breadstick	Chicken Fajitas	Zombies	Sloppy Joes on a Bun & Fries	Pulled Pork Nachos		

BREAKFAST IS SERVED
WITH FRUIT/FRUIT
ALTERNATE, CEREAL &
TOAST



ATTENTION!

**PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGES BIRTH TO FIVE,
PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO THINK ABOUT
YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT. ALL CHILDREN
DEVELOP AT DIFFERENT RATES. IF YOU HAVE
ANY CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S
DEVELOPMENT, PLEASE CALL..**

Educational Service Unit 16

308-284-8481

Email: jlee@esusixteen.org

or

Early Developmental Network

308-284-8481

Email: khadow@esusixteen.org

www.answers4families.org

**Services are also available for students
ages 5-21.**

**THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT NETWORK/ESU16 PROVIDES
SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT ARE DESIGNED BASED
ON THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN BIRTH TO AGE FIVE AND
THEIR FAMILIES.**



Do you have concerns about a child's development?

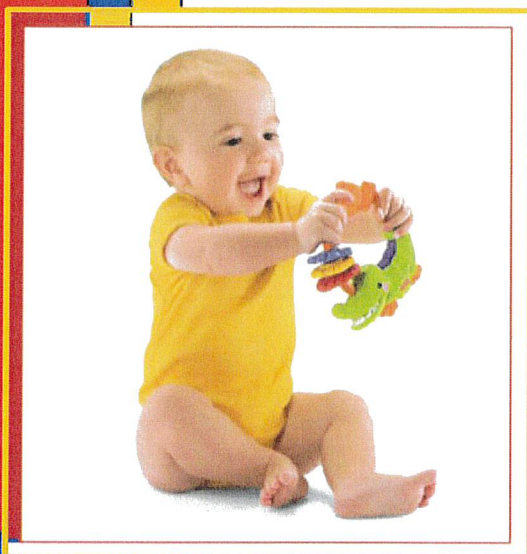
(Not talking, not walking, issues with feeding, social or behavior concerns, etc.)

The Early Development Network provides family centered services based on the individual needs of the family.

Our program is free of charge, and is for children age birth-5 years.



Call 308-284-8481,
scan the QR code or call
Nebraska ChildFind at
1-888-806-6287
to make a referral.

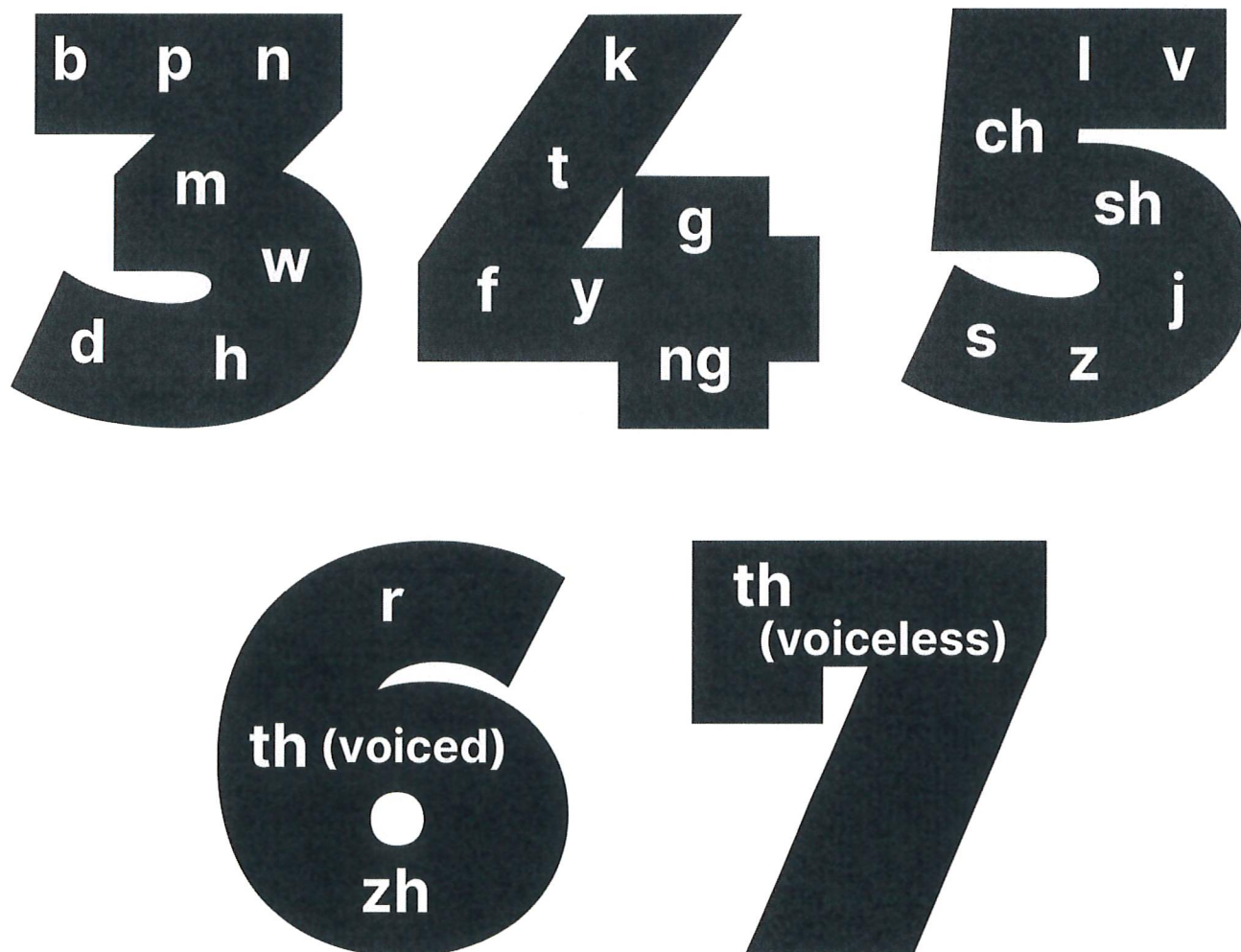


**Nebraska Early
Development Network**

Babies can't wait



Sound Chart



Average age English-speaking children learn to correctly pronounce consonants in the United States at the 90% criterion.

TO PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS:

Although many different services are available to area preschoolers with disabilities (age 0-21) through their local school district and ESU 16, some children remain unserved because parents may not know of the existence of programs or do not recognize the need for a program for their child. The observance of several of the items on the following chart may indicate a need to request Child Find Screening being offered by local school districts in cooperation with ESU 16. Evaluations will be done in your home or local school. Please call your school or the ESU 16 office (308-284-8481) to request an evaluation for your child.

DOES YOUR..

3 MONTH OLD

- Turn toward, smile and respond to a familiar voice?
- Coo and give vowel sounds when pleased?
- Lift head and hold upright while on stomach?

6 MONTH OLD

- Turn head towards sounds and search out new sounds?
 - Laugh loud?
- Roll to both sides?
- Pick up objects?

9 MONTH TO 1 YEAR OLD

- Respond to own name, simple requests and pat-a-cake?
 - Wave bye-bye?
 - Shake head no?
 - Sit alone?
 - Stand alone?
- Feed self with fingers?
- Have at least 1 word at 12 months?

2 YEAR OLD

- Identify one or more pictures?
- Listen to simple stories read repeatedly?
 - Say own name?
- Walk downstairs with hand held?
 - Imitate drawing by lines and circles?
- Put 2 words together?

3 YEAR OLD

- Separate easily from mother?
- Begin to listen to reason?
- Say 3-4 word sentences?
- Know name and own sex?
- Say at least one color?
- Stand on one foot?
- Undo two buttons?
- Is understood by others at least 3/4 of the time?

4 YEAR OLD

- Understand prepositions: on, under, in, by, between?
- Understand adjectives: fast-slow, big-little, tall-short?
 - Say 4-5 word sentences?
- Count three objects, pointing correctly?
 - Hop at least twice on one foot?
 - Button coat, shirt or dress?
 - Ask and answer questions?
- Is understood by others at least 90% of the time?

For more information on Child Find Screening, please contact your school district or Jo Lee, ESU 16 Preschool Coordinator, at 308-386-4867 or 308-284-8481



Help for Others



(833)980-7233

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